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JEFFERSON CITY ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR CHILD PORN

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jefferson City, Mo., attorney was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing and attempting to distribute child pornography.

Bruce Henwood Truesdale, 53, of Jefferson City, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Truesdale** was in possession of one or more computer files containing child pornography on Aug. 26, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Truesdale** attempted to distribute child pornography over the Internet from at least as early as Sept. 19, 2003, and continuing to Aug. 26, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Truesdale** to forfeit to the government any property used to commit the alleged offense, including a Dell Dimension personal computer and any material containing child pornography.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Regional Computer Crimes Education and Enforcement Group of St. Louis, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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